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For: WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
AND METHODS FOR DIRECT MEMORY
ACCESS AND BUFFERING OF DIGITAL
SIGNALS FOR MULTIPLE USER
DETECTION

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

The invention provides methods and apparatus for multiple user detection (MUD) processing that have application, for example, in improving the capacity CDMA and other wireless base stations. ~~One aspect of the invention provides a multiprocessor, multiuser detection system for detecting user transmitted symbols in CDMA short code spectrum waveforms. A first processing element generates a matrix (hereinafter, "gamma matrix") that represents a correlation between a short code associated with one user and those associated with one or more other users. A set of second processing elements generates, e.g., from the gamma matrix, a matrix (hereinafter, "R matrix") that represents cross correlations among user waveforms based on their amplitudes and time lags. A third processing element produces estimates of the user transmitted symbols as a function of the R matrix. One aspect of the invention provides a digital signal processor ("DSP") that processes user waveforms. The DSP has an associated memory and an associated direct memory access ("DMA") controller that controls access to that memory. A programmable logic device ("PLD") is coupled to the DMA controller and configures it to move data relating to user waveform characteristics from the memory to a buffer external to the DSP.~~